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INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 ISO-00 SPC-03 SAM-01 AID-20 EB-11

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TO AMEMBASSY QUITO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP

SUBJ: CEPE PETROLEUM REFINERY

REF: QUITO T-10\*4

REFTEL REPORT ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPANESE MUCH APPRECIATED. WE UNDERSTAND SNAM PROGETTI TEAM ALREADY IN QUITO IN HOPE OF MOVING IN SHOULD JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS COLLAPSE. EMBASSY REQUESTED KEEP US INFORMED ON STATUS OF ITALIAN BID CONSIDERATION.

FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, NEW PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED TO GOE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS, PROBABLY FEBRUARY 18. PROPOSAL WILL BE MADE BY U.S. FIRM TO FURNISH CEPE WITH TWO SKID-MO\*TED REFINERIES TO BE LOCATED AT COAST NEAR SAN PEDRO RIVER. EACH SKID-MOUNTED REFINERY HAS CAPACITY 10,000  
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BLS/DAY. INSTALLATION COULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOURTEEN

MONTHS AT TOTAL COST APPROXIMATELY \$20 MILLION. U.S. FIRM  
PLANS APPROACH GOE DIRECTLY AND NOT VIA EMBASSY.

AT THIS POINT, EMBASSY REQUESTED ONLY KEEP ALERT TO  
DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAY ENSUE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL.

SPECIFICALLY, 20,000 BLS/DAY PRODUCTION CAPACITY WITHIN  
NEAR FUTURE SHOULD SATISFY ECUADOREAN DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION  
REQUIREMENTS PROBABLY UP TO 1978. BY MEETING DOMESTIC  
NEEDS, NEW PROPOSAL PRESENTS BESIEGED GOE OPTION FOR  
SOME BREATHING TIME CONCERNING DECISION ON HOT POLITICAL  
QUESTION OF A MAJOR REFINERY. IN VIEW OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS  
IN ENERGY FIELD, POSSIBILITY OF LARGER REFINERY MIGHT BE  
CONSIDERED. TO REITERATE, UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE  
OTHERWISE, EMBASSY REQUESTED NOT RPT NOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF  
WITH NEW PROPOSAL AT THIS TIME. RUSH

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